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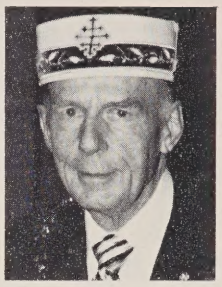

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R. L. Pugh, 33°

Ordinarily this issue of the BAGPIPE would be delivered to you in the month of May, but since the Reunion will be held April 30 and May 1 and 2, we deemed it advisable to reap the benefit of the advertising possibilities and get this issue to you prior to the Reunion. It is hoped that it will be of some benefit to you as you approach your prospects who have not already signed up. Use it to that end and it will have served the purpose we had planned.

Plans are shaping up very nicely for an excellent Reunion in every respect except one - and that one deals with the lack of candidates. As of this moment we do not have nearly enough petitions on hand to warrant a first class Reunion and since the Scottish Rite Bodies in New Bern have never done anything except on a first class basis, we are asking that you bend every effort to get the petitions in.

We have a number of outstanding personalities during the forthcoming Fidelity Reunion beginning with our Inspector General and continuing with quite a number of notable and distinguished Brethren whom you will enjoy meeting.

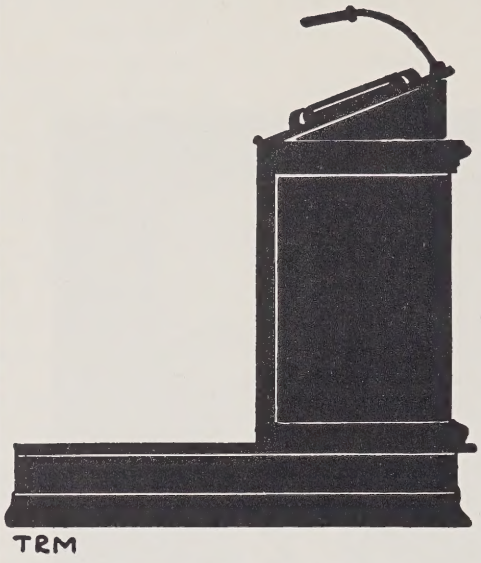
Quite a number of ladies' night parties have been held throughout the area and in all areas we found quite a bit of enthusiastic response. Enfield has held its Reunion and we expect to have a number of candidates to continue the Scottish Rite journey from there, but we need more than this and if this tone that I am using sounds the least bit desperate, it is a sure sign the message is getting across. We are desperate and we cannot afford to let any prospect fail to have the opportunity presented to him at this time.

Our Brethren have never let us down and we feel quite confident they are once again going to measure up to all of the high standards they have always set and we, therefore, look forward to receiving from you a number of petitions before we close the gates on our next Reunion.

Sincerely yours,

R. L. Pugh

Secretary
Robert L. Pugh, 33°



From The Classroom

BY EDWARD P. BLAIR, 33° CLASS LECTURER

WHAT IS A SAINT?

I am indebted to the Christian Herald magazine and Mr. G. Frederick Stork for the following poem:

WHAT IS A SAINT?

"What is a saint?" the youngster asked;
So his parents set out to explain.
By describing Saint Francis and Bernadette
They attempted to make it plain.
They told of Matthew, Mark and Luke,
And ended with John and Paul;
But the boy just couldn't relate to this
And didn't grasp it at all.

Then the parents went to their church and showed him
The stained glass windows there;
The faces of the elect shone out
As they preached or knelt in prayer.
The boy was asked if he understood,
And he said, "I think I do;
From what I've seen, I'd say that a saint
s a person the light shines through."

—G. Frederick Stork

It seems so appropriate for Easter and Scottish Masonry. How wonderful it would be if each of us could so live our lives that the message of our movement could be seen through us in our deeds and actions as well as the message of Easter.

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There are just too many Masons who have not ventured beyond the 3°. Many of them are simply waiting to be approached for Membership in Scottish Rite. Will you help "Complete the Band Wagon" by getting a member for the reunion of April 30 and May 1 and 2, 1974 at the Scottish Rite Temple..

Meet Our New Grand Master

The Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of New Bern are proud to present to members the new Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, Most Worshipful Brother William Lee Mills, Jr., 33°, of Concord, N. C. Brother Mills was installed as Grand Master on Wednesday, April 17th.

Masons in North Carolina can well look forward to the new Masonic year under the direction of a man who is eminently qualified to provide the type of leadership that is so necessary as Masonry in North Carolina prepares to enlarge upon the program of Masonic education that was so well begun during the preceding year.

It is not easy to box William Lee Mills, Jr., into a few biographical paragraphs. This man's consistent growth as a lawyer, civic leader, patriot - and as a human being - keeps him flexible. Just as the pattern seems set, new facets of character and achievement break the existing mold. It has always been so.

Son of the late William L. Mills and Alice Litaker Mills, Bill was born on September 21, 1914, the eldest of eight children. After graduating in 1931 from Cabarrus County Schools, he was employed with Cannon Mills, Plant 1, in Kannapolis. At the same time, he continued his education in secretarial and commercial training. By 1936, Mills was recognized as a leader, having become assistant overseer of the Cannon Mills Sheet Department. This same year he was married to Miss Erin Morris of Thomson, Georgia.

In 1941, the United States entered into World War II and in 1942 William L. Mills, Jr., was inducted into the Army.

Chosen for Officer's Candidate School, he received his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant at Fort Benning, Georgia, in January, 1943. In January, 1944, the now 1st Lieutenant Mills was shipped to England in time to take part in the June 6 "D-Day" invasion of France. Just one week after his arrival on the Normandy coast, Mills was wounded. He received the Purple Heart Medal, was promoted to Captain and returned to his fighting unit in France in August, 1944.

On October 14, 1944, in the Seigfried Line, Captain Mills was again wounded, suffering the loss of a leg while aiding a companion just injured in a similar explosion. In recognition of his gallantry, Mills received the Silver Star, the Bronze Star for Valor with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, Commendation Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge, ETO Medal with an arrowhead for the invasion of Normandy, and three campaign stars. On September 29, 1946, Mills was retired from the Army with the rank of Major.

In May, 1945, while still attached to the Army, but eager to help other veterans adjust to civilian life, he accepted an appointment as Veterans Service Officer for Cabarrus County, a position he filled with distinction for two years.

But Bill Mills had only begun to grow . . . now 31 years old, he had an itch to be a lawyer, but he was confronted with several obstacles. He had no college degree, was beyond the traditional Freshman age, and was still adjusting to a man-made leg. Two things were in his favor. He loved and WANTED to practice law, and he is a stubborn man. After two years at Charlotte College and two quarters at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, he entered law school in the fall of 1949, and in June, 1950, he received the Bachelor of Arts degree. During his second year in law school, he was appointed to the Board of Editors of the prestigious Law Review for 1951-52. In June, 1952, William Lee Mills, Jr., was awarded an LLB degree in law which was changed to a J.D. degree in 1967; in August, 1952, he passed the State Bar examinations; and in September, Bill Mills joined the late Past Grand Master Luther T. Hartsell, Jr., in the law firm of Hartsell & Hartsell in Concord.

These remarkable accomplishments were achieved at a time of deep personal tragedy. While he was still in law school, Mills' wife, Erin Morris Mills, died at 36.

Law and Bill Mills fit like a hand and glove. At present, he is senior partner in the law firm of Hartsell, Hartsell & Mills, P.A.; was State Bar Councilor for the 19th Judicial District, 1956-1962; member of the Board of Governors, North Carolina Bar Association, 1962-1965; member of the Board of Law Examiners for the State of North Carolina, 1962-1973, and Chairman of said Board, 1971-1973. In 1967, Mills was made a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Although highly successful in his profession, Bill Mills has also given generously of his talents to his community.

He is a past Commander of American Legion, Post 145; former chef de Gar of the 40 & 8; has been President of the Concord Executives Club and the Cabarrus Rescue Squad, which he helped to found. He is immediate past President of

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the Concord Rotary Club. He has served as President of the Alumni Association of UNC at Charlotte, as a Trustee of Wingate College and is Cabarrus County Chairman of the Morehead Awards Selection Committee. Mills was Chairman of the Building Fund for the recently completed Concord Salvation Army headquarters and is presently Chairman of its Advisory Board. He also serves as Chairman of the Budget Committee for the United Way of Cabarrus County, Inc.

Religious life is important to Bill Mills. He teaches a Men's Bible Class at the First Baptist Church, where he has been Chairman of the Board of Deacons and Sunday School Superintendent. Mills has served on the Public Affairs Committee for the State Baptist Convention and at present is a Trustee of the Cabarrus Baptist Association and Chairman of the Building Committee of the First Baptist Church.

He was listed, in 1959, in "Who's Who in the South and Southeast" and the same year was named "Senior Man of the Year" by the Concord Jaycees. There are few civic or cultural affairs in Concord which do not bear the stamp of Mills.

In 1953, Bill Mills was married to Mrs. Ruby Spainhour James, widowed in World War II, a native of Morganton and Lenoir. The Mills have one son, William Lee Mills, III, who is a Sophomore at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Aside from his family, the interest closest to Bill Mills' heart is his long association with Masonry. During his youth, he was an active member of DeMolay and in 1958 received the DeMolay Legion of Honor Award.

On October 14, 1946, Brother Mills was initiated an Entered Apprentice; on October 28, 1946, was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft; and on November 25, 1946, was raised a Master Mason in Stokes Lodge No. 32 at Concord, North Carolina. He served as Master of Stokes Lodge No. 32 during 1959.

Brother Mills is a member of the York Rite, holding membership in John C. Drewry Chapter No. 82, R.A.M.; Concord Council No. 25, R. & S. M.; Cannon Commandery No. 38, K.T.; Charlotte Council of Super Excellent Masters; and Robert The Bruce Council No. 4, Allied Masonic Degrees.

He is also a member of the Carolina Consistory, Charlotte, North Carolina, having received the 32nd degree in April, 1967. At the Bi-annual Communication in October, 1973, of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction, Brother Mills received the 33rd degree Inspector General Honorary.

Bill Mills is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, holding membership in Oasis Temple, Charlotte, North Carolina. He is also a member of the North Carolina Societas Rosicruciana Civitatibus Foederatis.

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, in April, 1967, Most Worshipful Brother Arnold J. Koonce, Grand Master, appointed him Grand Steward, and Brother Mills advanced each year thereafter with distinction.

Being elected Grand Master is an honor which Bill does not accept lightly, but with humility and dedication that is the essence of the man; it is a responsibility for which he is trained and capable.

Masons of North Carolina, behold your Grand Master!

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SOMETHING ELSE

Reynold Davenport, 33°

I was looking through a Dictionary of Selected American Slang the other day and came across some slang I'd never heard during all the years I was with the bus industry, or even during the years I was in the army. Of course, just to set things straight, I should note that I have heard *some* slang that the dictionary didn't know about, either.

One thing I learned from the dictionary was that a chewalloper is a fall or a dive that makes a big splash or flopping noice. It was gratifying to discover that some of my more mortifying moments can be decorated with such a fancy appelation as chewalloper.

A fofarraw, now, is a loud disturbance, or interruption. I've run up against a goodly number of fofarraws in my day, and it is a great pity that I never before knew just what to call 'em. What I usually called 'em was somewhat tangier than fofarraw. To all those fofarraws that I've miscalled over the years I offer belated apologies.

Then we have the blizzard head. A blizzard head is a very blonde actress for whom television lighting must be subdued. I have personally been subjected to an unwholesome amount of television characters that would have benefitted greatly from a subduing of the lighting - to say nothing of the sound. The sure-fire remedy for such - of course - is to turn off the set, but that requires getting up and walking across the room. Anyhow, it was a revelation to learn about blizzard heads.

I also learned from this dictionary that Mary Frances is a dippydro, but I have a whole lot more sense than to ever call her that. Her reaction to such would probably be so energetic and so prolonged that I likely wouldn't even get the chance to explain to her that a dippydro is one who often changes his, or her, mind. And even if I got the chance to explain, I sort of have a hunch she just wouldn't get all elated about me calling her a dippydro.

The dictionary also had veep in it, but I already knew that veep was slang for vice-president.

You know, it seems that every time anybody gets on the subject of the vice-presidency they make a joke about it. And it's a funny thing, really. You hear and read where first one and then another politician vows he is not interested in being vice-president, but just as soon as a convention nominates somebody for president all the other politicians get in line for second place. You just never saw so many people after something that none of 'em want. When one politician makes it as vice-president all the other politicians - especially those who wanted the job - stand around and point out what a useless job it is.

Reynold S. Davenport, 33°

If it really is such a useless job then banks certainly have a pile of useless people on their payrolls. In your average bank just about everybody above teller is a vice-president - or, at least, an assistant vice-president. If I was trying to borrow money from a bank and had to talk to anybody lower than a vice-president I'd figure my chances were already pretty well shot. A friend of mine worked for a bank and one day they offered him a vice-presidency. He told 'em that what he'd really like to have was a ten dollar raise.

I learned a whole lot more fancy slang from that dictionary, but it'll keep.

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Vantage Points and Vision

The story has been told of how Sir Francis Drake and his men were once lost in the swamps of Panama. Eventually, after hours of wandering and growing alarm, one of them climbed to the top of a tree, and looking out across the swamps and jungle, he saw the waters of the Pacific calling them to launch out into a new and unexplored world.

Isn't that a parable of human life? The vast majority of people can be likened to Drake's men, caught in a jungle swamp. Life to them is a baffling and frightening mystery. They are unhappy, imprisoned, and confused. The real trouble with them is that they have never climbed to a vantage point and looked beyond their immediate burdens and temptations and problems which hem them in, to where glistening waters call them to new and glorious ventures into an unexplored world. Does this sound like a lot of romantic and poetic nonsense? I believe that Masonry can make this a real experience for each of us; that it can give to men a vantage point and a vision, making them conscious of a new world and a new life beyond that which they have known.

In the first place, Masonry has always given men a glimpse beyond this world of time and space. Because a Mason believes in God - a God of love and power - we cannot believe that life ends on death. We see it stretching out beyond the grave, a fuller and more glorious life than we have ever known or dreamed. We cannot believe that the eternal purpose of the Great Architect of the Universe can be defeated. If such things as He reveals to the heart of man can be destroyed, then all the teachings of our Craft is nonsense, it is cruel and a tragic delusion! We believe with Tennyson:

Thou will not leave us in the dust,
Thou mades man, he knows not why,
He thinks he was not made to die,
And thou hast made him. Thou art just.

Masons believe that the working tools of our Craft and art shall be placed in our hands again - and we shall use them perfectly. We believe in the immortality of the soul. Those who have not this vision are like Drake's men, living in only half the world that might be theirs.

But that is not all. The fact is that unless a man lives the precepts of Masonry here upon the earth, he deprives himself of half the world that could be

Rev. Clyde G. McCarver, 32°, K.C.C.H.

his here and now. Masonry is not simply concerned with the "House not made with hands" nor with the fact that we shall take the working tools up again. Life on this earth can be immeasurably richer and fuller than the most of us are aware. The very word "life" has a thrilling sound. It speaks of action, color, reality, joy. Yet for how few people life is like that! How few of us ever really adjust ourselves and come to terms with life. We need a vantage point and a vision so that we may catch a glimpse of life as it can be lived. Masonry gives us that vantage point.

First there is the vantage point of our bowing in reverential awe before Him who reigns supreme over this universe. This takes us beyond ourselves. It makes us aware of another realm of being. It reveals resources that are not of man. It gives us a vision of God. The man who denies himself of that experience dies for lack of vision. The man who denies himself that vision perishes. He denies himself something by which alone his soul can live.

Another vantage point which Masonry gives us is that of service. That too takes us beyond ourselves, and widens our scope of vision. You see, when we do something for someone else - give a word of "good counsel" or encouragement, do some piece of service, we are setting in motion forces which go on and on beyond our planning and imagination. The vantage point of service is obvious, if we but think about it. It lifts us above any sense of futility in our lives, unspectacular though they may be. It reminds us that our love and loyalty and faith may have an influence far beyond our dreaming.

I find in Masonry this sense of being sharers with God in His eternal purposes, which gives life meaning and zest. Masonry teaches us that our life, however humble, our service however inconspicious, is being taken up and woven into the age-long and world-wide purposes of God. We are building for ages yet unborn. We labor, and others will enter into our labors.

This is the sort of vision which makes life worth living, delivering it from futility and hopelessness, sending it forth with zeal and faith to do God's will. May God give us that vision that we perish not. Aren't you glad you're a Mason?

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April 30, May 1st. and 2nd.

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Official Program Scottish Rite Reunion

APRIL 30, MAY 1, 2, 1974

Director of Work, Chas. T. Midyette, Jr., 33°
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Director of Music, August H. Laube, 32°

REUNION ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, April 30, 1974

10:00 A.M.— 4°—Secret Master. Charles T. Potter, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by M. D. Opphile, H. L. Lundy, J. E. Lewis, Pete McSorley and Tom Cathey.

10:45 A.M.— 5°—Perfect Master. Jack Edwards, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by C. W. Guptill, J. G. McDaniel, Dewey Gillikin, Leroy Price, H. L. Lundy, J. E. Blaylock, Pete McSorley, Bill Stovall and T. H. Miller.

11:45 A.M.— 6°—Confidential Secretary. W. J. Rogers, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Chas. P. Gaskins, Paul Jewett and Leslie H. Garner.

12:15 P.M.— 7°—Provost and Judge. W. I. Gause, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by S. Frank Noble, B. L. Parker, M. D. Opphile, R. L. Pugh and Bill Stovall.

1:00 P.M. —Luncheon.

2:15 P.M.— 8°—Intendant of Building. Earl Noe, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by C. F. Lewis, S. C. Chadwick, Jr., Dallas Willis, Sam Taylor and Bert Conner.

3:00 P.M.— 9°—Elu of Nine. Robert Ray Harrison, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by M. D. Opphile, H. J. MacDonald, H. W. Gillikin, Guy Langston, L. T. Barrington, Marshall Harvey, Coy Wetherington, J. G. McDaniel, Elijah Cannon, Paul Vogan, Pete McSorley and W. C. Kellum.

4:00 P.M.—10°—Elu of Fifteen. C. W. Guptill, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Bill Blair, Neil Vester, R. D. Shinkle, J. L. Ashley, A. F. Wood, Jerry T. Whitford, H. C. Lilly, Dusty Rhoades, Royce Jordan and Garland E. Taylor.

4:45 P.M.—11°—Elu of Twelve. Charles H. Whedbee, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Paul Jewett, Clyde Stubbs, Neil Vester, R. D. Shinkle, William C. Kellum and Marshall Harvey.
12°—Communicated.

5:45 P.M.—13°—Royal Arch of Solomon. Bill Blair, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Wilmer Chesson, Jack G. White, Pete Thomas and E. P. Blair.

6:30 P.M. —Dinner. Awards' Night.

Program Scottish Rite Reunion (Cont.)

7:30 P.M.—14°—Perfect Elu. Louis N. Howard, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Nelson Banks, Wm. R. Waters, C. W. Guptill, James E. Blaylock, Pete McSorley, Oscar Kafer, Bob Divoky, Howard B. Constant and Jack Edwards.

Wednesday, May 1, 1974

9:15 A.M.—15°—Knight of the East. G. C. Langston, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by A. T. Willis, Jr., Wilmer Chesson, Chas. T. Potter, O. J. Aldridge, C. Wallace Jackson, Al Hearren, Dusty Rhoades, Richard P. Geary, Lee Gearhart, Tom McCree, Wm. G. Haire and Charles A. Litchfield.

16°—Communicated.

11:15 A.M.—17°—Knight of the East and West. Nelson Banks, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Ashley G. Leggett, Pete Thomas, Edward Ray Edwards, Roy Edwards and Lloyd Nixon.

12:00 M. —Luncheon.

1:15 P.M.—18°—Knight of Rose Croix. A. T. Willis, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by S. A. McPherson, Jr., R. L. Pugh, Eddie Paul, Jr. and Wm. R. Waters.

19°—Communicated.

3:30 P.M.—20°—Master of Symbolic Lodge. Rev. Allen C. Edens, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by D. L. McRainey, Alex Arab, William P. Jackson, Norris M. Vallandingham, Warren H. Coolidge, Clifford C. Duell, Joe Dryden and R. Hoyt Randall.

4:45 P.M.—21°—Noachite or Prussian Knight. John G. Ormsby, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Kermit Guthrie, R. L. Pugh, W. H. Scott, Guy C. Langston, C. T. Potter, Johnny West, Marshall Harvey and Oscar Aldridge.

22°—
23°—
Communicated.
24°—
25°—

5:30 P.M.—26°—Prince of Mercy. Reynold S. Davenport, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by J. C. Vail, G. E. Roberts, Louie J. Smith, Charles W. Summerlin, Angus D. Hatsell, Royden Caulk and Frank A. Smith.

6:30 P.M. —Dinner. Inspector General's Night.

7:30 P.M.—27°—Knight Commander of the Temple. E. W. Paul, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Neil Vester, J. D. Reese, A. N. Heath, W. H. Purser, E. P. Blair, Oscar Sermons, W. R. Newell, O. J. Aldridge, A. T. Willis, Jr., Guy C. Langston, Wm. R. Waters, W. H. Scott, Bill Stovall and Bill Blair.

28°—Communicated.

8:45 P.M.—29°—Scottish Knight of St. Andrew. Francis W. Clark, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Clinton E. Bunch, Samuel A. McPherson, Jr., Cosby S. Jones, Walter T. Kirby, Wilbourne M. Smith, Irvin Weatherly, W. T. Hawkins, L. T. Barrington, Everett Brothers, Carlice Williams, Theron Dabbs, W. M. Rhoades and Wilton Walker, Jr.

Thursday, May 2, 1974

9:00 A.M.—30°—Knight Kadosh.

1st Apartment: Walter Kirby, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master. Assisted by Clifton White and Francis W. Clark.

2nd Apartment: Clifton Matthews, 32°, Master. Assisted by Cecil T. Boyette, Walter Lamm and Mark Ellis.

3rd Apartment: Dennis Boyette, Master. Assisted by E. S. Sasser, T. Bruce Boyette, Cecil Boyette, Clifton Matthews, Mark L. Ellis and Walter Lamm.

4th Apartment: Carl Aycock, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master. Assisted by Claude A. Anthony, E. S. Sasser and Herman L. Barnes.

11:45 A.M. —Luncheon.

1:00 P.M.—31°—Inspector Inquisitor. L. T. Barrington, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Francis W. Clark, C. Wallace Jackson, A. N. Heath, Reynold S. Davenport, Eddie Paul, Jr., Chas. T. Potter, Warren H. Coolidge, Pete Thomas, Johnny West, Oscar Aldridge, Charles Dickinson and Neil Vester.

3:00 P.M.—32°—Master of Royal Secret. Wm. R. Leggett, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Donald Hinds, Lee Dorsey, Kirby Hawkins, Jimmy Rochelle, Johnnie Braxton, R. D. Shinkle, John D. Charlton, Amos Leggett, Robert Dawson, Carroll Mercer, Wiley Hill, Marvin Kornegay, Ronald C. Wall and C. W. Guptill.

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If you were busy being kind,
Before you knew it, you would find
You'd soon forget to think 'twas true
That some one was unkind to you.
If you were busy being glad
And cheering people who are sad,
Although your heart might ache a bit,
You'd soon forget to notice it.
If you were busy being good
And doing just the best you could.
You'd not have to blame some man
Who's doing the best he can.
If you were busy being right,
You'd find yourself too busy quite
To criticize your neighbor long
Because he's busy being wrong.

—Author Unknown

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Speaking in Quotes: Next to the originator of a good sentence is the first quoter of it.—Emerson

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To select well among old things is almost equal to inventing new ones.—Trublet

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The wisdom of the wise and the experience of ages may be preserved by quotation.—Disraeli

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The human heart, at whatever age, opens only to the heart that opens in return.—Maria Edgeworth

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Without constancy there is neither love, friendship, nor virtue in the world. —Addison

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I am but a gatherer and disposer of other men's stuff.—Wasson

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Speaking With the Ladies: "Your wife will probably hit the ceiling when you get home tonight," said the bar fly to his drinking companion.

"Yeah, said the companion, "She's a lousy shot!"

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The talkative lady was telling her husband about the bad manners of a recent visitor. "If that woman yawned once while I was talking," she said, "she yawned thirty times."

"Maybe she wasn't yawning, dear," said the husband, "just trying to say something."

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During a chance meeting of two old friends who had not seen each other in years, one of the men inquired about the other's wife.

"Oh, but of course, you couldn't know," said the second man sadly. "Doris has gone to heaven."

"I'm sorry to hear that," said the first man, who was a bachelor. Then realiz-

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ing that this might be misunderstood, he corrected himself, saying, "I mean, I'm glad!" Then, noticing the shocked look on his friend's face, he blurted, "That is, I'm awfully surprised!"

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We know a cynical husband who says it's better to have loved and lost than to have loved and won.

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We also know a fellow who, upon being told by his shrewish wife that she would dance on his grave, promptly provided for a burial at sea.

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"What are you nagging me about?" complained the husband. "I was in last night by a quarter of twelve."

"You were not, you liar!" cried the irate wife. "I heard you come in and the clock was striking three."

"Well, stupid," said the hubby, "isn't three a quarter of twelve?"

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Martin was known among his friends for the punctuality with which he sent his wife her alimony payments each month. When asked the reason for his haste, he shivered and explained: "I'm afraid that if I ever should fall behind in my payments she might decide to repossess me."

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Speaking in Jest: Aware of his prospective father-in-law's flair for sarcasm, the young groom-to-be was nervous over the prospect of asking for his daughter's hand. Summoning the necessary courage, he approached the girl's father and, with the utmost politeness, asked, "May I have your daughter for my wife?"

"I don't know," came the reply, "Bring your wife around and I'll let you know."

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The doctor had just finished giving the young man a thorough physical examination.

"The best thing for you to do," the M.D. said, "is give up drinking, and smoking, get to bed early and stay away from women."

"Doc, I don't deserve the best," said the patient. "What's next best?"

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"I just can't find a cause for your illness," the internist said. Frankly, I think it's due to drinking."

'In that case," replied his attractive patient, "I'll come back when you're sober."

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Science is making so many strides ahead, almost daily, that it gets increasingly difficult for the layman to keep up. Latest invention we've heard about is a toothpaste with built-in food particles, for people who can't eat between every brushing.

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Which reminds us of the dental joke about the Texas oilman who went in to see his dentist and, when asked which tooth was bothering him, replied, "Oh, just drill anywhere, doc, I feel lucky today!"

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*Speaking From His Book*s Be of good cheer.—Matthew 14:27

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10:00 A.M. Register in Scottish Rite Temple, Hancock and Johnson Sts., New Bern, N. C. Lovely souvenir for each candidate's lady who attends the Reunion.
10:00 A.M. to
12:00 M. Tour of New Bern's famous 67 points of historic interest.
1:00 P.M. Lunch—Scottish Rite Temple.
2:00 P.M. Tour of Morehead City, Atlantic Beach, Beaufort, Fort Macon, Emerald Isle, Spooners Creek, and Swansboro (quaint fishing village with colonial atmosphere).
6:30 P.M. Dinner at Scottish Rite Temple.

Wednesday

8:30 A.M. Tour of Camp Lejeune
1:00 P.M. Lunch—Jacksonville, N. C.
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6:30 P.M. Dinner at Temple

Thursday

9:15 A.M. Tour of Tryon's Palace and its formal 18th Century Gardens
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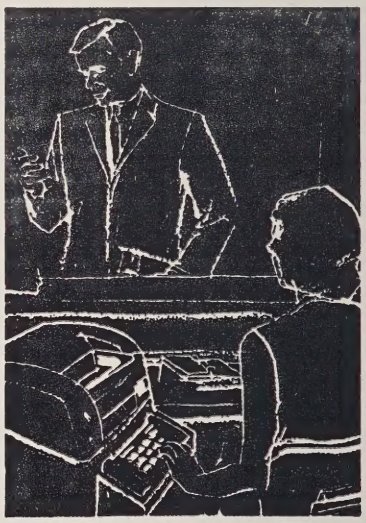

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SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS

Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club

The "Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club", held its regular meeting, Thursday night, April 4, 1974, at "Buck Overton's riverside Restaurant", Jamesville, N. C. A barbecue dinner was enjoyed by all.

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Across most of this great land in which we live the cold winds of winter are at their peaks, blowing through woods of bare trees and chilling people to the bone. But most people know one thing - that if winter is here, spring is not far away. For some people this is as far as their faith goes. They look at the calendar and count the weeks till spring, knowing that no matter what, spring will come because it always has. For them, faith has no depth, no real meaning.

For others, faith has real meaning and a great deal of depth. They have faith that spring will come because spring represents rebirth - out of the death and desolation of winter life returns. And when the first signs of the new life of spring appear, the hearts of the faithful are filled with joy.

When spring comes this year we can see in the cycle of nature the great truth God wants us to know - that we have souls which span death and bring us to life eternal.

Yet for all his advanced technology, man really hasn't come very far since he first ventured forth from his prehistoric habitat to seek a better life. He is still something of a caveman, often allowing his primordial instincts toward aggression and violence to rule in the place of the Judeo-Christian precepts of peace and brotherhood, which can be the only true cornerstone of civilized society.

Witness the frequency of war and consider the senseless killings that seem to be day-to-day occurrences in the 1970's. In the Middle East, the very place where Christ walked the earth, Palestinian guerrillas show no signs of giving up their murderous ways. In South America, political kidnappings, underground-movements, machinations, and bloody take-overs are a part of daily life. In Northern Ireland, religious strife - a throwback to the Middle Ages - prevails.

Here in the United States, special interest groups resort to destruction and murder - as in the recent truckers' strike - to get what they want. Almost as bad as the violent tactics is the fact that they are often condoned by otherwise good and decent Americans as the only way "To get action".

Is our modern world really so different from the uncivilized world of Neanderthal man?

God has endowed man with reason to resolve his difficulties. After several million years, it's time man began using it.

Nations richer and more powerful in their day than we are in this, have been sabatoged, defeated and enslaved.

Babylon was the largest and richest nation of its time, but its lust for luxury made it an easy mark for the Medes and Persians who overran it, and divided its land and enslaved its people between them.

Rome was a greater military power than we ever were, but when free bread and circuses become more important to the people than hard work and patriotism, Rome was invaded and looted by the tougher Vandals.

The Incas were the most civilized, richest people in the Americas, but ruthless, better armed invaders destroyed them as a nation.

In every case it was the self-indulgent weakness of the victim which made the victory of the invader easy.

How virile is a nation which allows

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this or that group to decide not to fight the enemy?

How wise is a nation which gives away so much of its substance abroad and at home that it can no longer afford to keep up its own strength and protection?

How intelligent is a nation which allows more protection for the criminal than his victim?

Wilmer C. Chesson, Secretary

Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club

The Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club held their regular meeting Sunday, April 7 at the Washington Masonic Lodge on W. 5th St. This was a charcoal steak cook-out.

Harmon Davis, President, presided. There were 41 members and guests present. Julian Vann gave the invocation. Willie Gray Hodges and Robert Mohler with their wives and Hazel Davis were hosts.

President Davis welcomed the group and introduced Oscar and Hazel Grice as his guests. Oscar is a fishing buddy of Harmon's from Wilson. Ashley Leggett explained the program of the Beaufort County Shrine Club's Ladies' Night which will be held at the Washington Yacht and Country Club, Friday evening, April 19th. He also presented an album of pictures of the January parade of the Sudan Temple Ceremony in New Bern. The album was loaned by Zoph Potts and is the work of Mr. Robert Jones of New Bern. Photography is a hobby of Mr. Jones and his pictures are very outstanding. Leggett also reported on the recent Ladies' Night held in Williamston. He called attention to the upcoming "Fidelity Reunion" of the New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies which will be held April 30, May 1 and 2. He informed the group that Beaufort County will have at least five candidates to take the 32 degrees of Scottish Rite Masonry during this Reunion. The question of erecting a roof over the charcoal area at the Washington Lodge was tabled.

Hosts for the next regular meeting to be held at the Washington Lodge on May 5th, will be Barry Gutfeld and Charles Hester with their wives. This will be a charcoal steak cook-out.

Ashley G. Leggett

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Scottish Riters Attend Meet

Thirty-two members of the Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club attended a joint Ladies' Night Meeting in Williamston Wednesday evening, April 3rd.

Williamston was the host club for the meeting attended by members from Beaufort and Washington counties.

George Bagley of Williamston served as Master of Ceremonies. King Leggett welcomed the group. Joe Williams introduced the Rev. Willis of Robersonville who kept the group in laughter with a series of jokes.

Neil Vester, recently invested with the thirty-third degree of Masonry, brought greetings from the Scottish Rite Bodies of the Valley of New Bern. He also introduced Pete Thomas of New Bern, who brought an inspiring message of Scottish Rite Masonry.

A large group of prospective candidates were welcomed as were their wives who were given a brief summary of plans that have been arranged for them if they should accompany their husbands to the "Fidelity Reunion," in New Bern on Apr. 30, May 1 and 2.

All Beaufort County Scottish Riters are reminded of the regular meeting at the Washington Lodge on W. 5th St. Sunday evening Apr. 7. This will be a charcoal steak cook-out. The charcoal will be ready at 5:30 p.m. and the meal served at 6 p.m.

Chowan Scottish Rite Club

A pouring rain greeted the Scottish Rite Masons who gathered at the Jaycee building for Ladies' Night. However, the wet weather did not dampen the spirits of the Scottish Rite Masons and their guests!

After a delicious dinner, W. S. Bell spoke briefly about the coming Reunion. John Mitchener introduced the speaker for the evening, Wilton Walker, 32°, K.C.C.H. of Currituck, N. C., who spoke about the creed of Scottish Rite Masonry. Brother Walker gave a splendid talk and all the guests enjoyed this immensely.

Everyone agreed that the ladies' night party was a big success and we are all looking forward to the Spring Reunion with the hope that we will have a big class of candidates.

James E. Yates, Secretary

Dare Scottish Rite Club

The Dare Scottish Rite Club entertained their ladies and prospective candidates and their wives at a turkey-ham dinner on March 22, 1974 at 7:00 p.m. in the Manteo Masonic Lodge Dining Room. The food was prepared and served by the Eastern Stars. The food was delicious and well served.

Brother Thomas White acted as toastmaster. Brother John Ledford offered the invocation. President of the Club,

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Brother Donald Vance made the welcoming address and thanked the Stars for their efforts in preparing the food. Brother White introduced the speaker: Brother Wilton F. Walker, Jr., who gave a very interesting talk on Scottish Rite Masonry adding a little appropriate humor at times. Brother Francis Clark was called upon to say a few words, which he did and did well.

Application blanks and information was handed to all prospective candidates present.

The benediction was by Rev. John Ledford.

Fifty-seven members and guests attended the banquet.

Reuben E. Payne, 32°
Secretary-Treasurer

East Carteret Scottish Rite Club

The spirit of Scottish Masonry is very strong in East Carteret. It has been several weeks since Ladies' Night was held at East Carteret High School (March 21), fried chicken and all the trimmings were served to over 175 ladies, prospective candidates and brothers of the Scottish Rite.

Bro. Bill Popajohn brought greetings from the valley of New Bern and encouraged the wives of the candidates to join their husbands for a program planned just for them for the Fidelity Reunion. Bro. Neil Vester, 33°, was introduced and explained why every Mason should obtain further light in Masonry and that there was no better way than through the Scottish Rite. I am sure some men have lived their lifetime and never realized their purpose in life such as Brother Vester explained to this group. Carteret County will not soon forget these words of wisdom.

Bert Conner, Secretary

Elizabeth City Scottish Rite Club

The Elizabeth City Scottish Rite Club met on Monday, March 18, at the Elizabeth City Masonic Temple. The meeting was called to order by Brother Lester Spruill, President. Prayer was offered by Brother Everett Brothers.

There were thirty brethren in attendance including several prospective candidates. Brother Cosby Jones gave a very enlightening and inspiring talk on Scottish Rite Masonry that was enjoyed by all. All Scottish Rite Masons in the Albemarle area were invited to the Maundy Thursday and Easter Services. A special invitation was made to the Perquimans and Chowan County Scottish Rite Clubs to attend these services also. A committee was appointed to set a date and make preparations for a shrimp supper in the near future. Get well cards were mailed to several members wishing them a speedy recovery.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned and refreshments served.

Clifton E. White, Secretary

New Bern Scottish Rite Club

Brother Eddie Paul, Jr. presided over the March 11 meeting of the New Bern Scottish Rite Club. Thirty-seven members were present.

Brother Johnny West reported on the fish fry which preceded the meeting on February 11 and stated that it was a great success. Brother Harry MacDonald reported on the proposed dyslexia-aphasia clinic for New Bern and that progress was being made on the program. Brother Bob Pugh spoke on the program and stated that MacDonald was doing a most satisfactory job.

Brother Pugh encouraged the members that it was not too early to get started on the petitions for the next reunion to be held April 30, May 1st and 2nd. He advised the members to think on terms of Blue Lodge Masons who are not as yet Scottish Rite Masons. He stated that lists of prospective candidates are available from the Scottish Rite office.

Brother Dick Shinkle is trying to get a member a month to join the Scottish Rite Club. Shinkle encouraged the members to work along the same lines and stressed the point that the dues for the Club is only one dollar a year. He said that this is a small price to pay for the good fellowship enjoyed by the members and the value to the Scottish Rite of the Club.

Brother Bugs Barrington suggested

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plans for a get-together supper by the Club for the prospective members. The club voted to hold the supper at the Berne Restaurant at 7:00 P.M. on April 27th.

The officers of the New Bern Scottish Rite Club are Eddie Paul, Jr., President; Harry MacDonald, Vice-President, and Dr. Nat M. Baxter, Secretary.

Nat M. Baxter, Secretary

Swansboro Scottish Rite Club

Brother James McLaughlin opened our last meeting of the Swansboro Scottish Rite Club before the Spring Reunion, promptly at 7:30 p.m., March 30, 1974, in Seaside Lodge No. 429 dining room, with the invocation.

Next we were served, buffet style, sizzling rib eye steaks, baked potatoes, salad and all the trimmings under the skillful eye of Master Chef, Brother Woodrow Brite. This fine repast was enjoyed by approximately 100 members and wives, candidates and their wives, and distinguished guests.

After dinner Brother Derrick Hatsell introduced Brother Eddie Paul of New Bern, who in turn introduced the speakers of the evening. Brother Bill Popajohn being first, gave some inspiring remarks for the benefit of the new Scottish Rite candidates, followed by Brother Neil Vester who gave a very interesting talk on the true meaning of the various degrees in Masonry.

The evening was wound up with the members honoring Brother W. W. "Wash" King, K.C.C.H., and an honorary member of Seaside Lodge No. 429, who is leaving the area to live with his son who resides in Irwin, N. C.

The Benediction followed and the meeting closed at approximately 9:30 p.m., with bodies and hearts full of good food and joyous memories.

Fraternally yours,
Donald C. Taylor, 32°
Secretary-Treasurer

Almoner's Fund

Every once in a while we receive letters from wives of our members who have been helped through our Almoner's fund as well as from widows whose husbands have just passed on and in whose memory we have established a memorial with our Scottish Rite Foundation. We do not always include these letters in the BAGPIPE for many reasons, yet once in a while we do receive letters that are so expressive of appreciation that we feel an impelling inclination to give all of our members the benefit of the deep emotional feelings of these ladies. We are including two of these letters in this issue, one from Mrs. Raymond Dilday of Murfreesboro whose husband who has been through a long period of illness and even yet has not recovered. The other one is from Mrs. W. L. Williams of Fayetteville, N. C., whose husband passed away on Christmas day of 1973. We feel confident you will appreciate the deep sentiment each of these two wonderful ladies has expressed.

March 26, 1974

Almoners Fund
Scottish Rite Bodies
W. C. Chadwick
P. O. Box 567
New Bern, N. C.

Dear Mr. Chadwick,

With mixed emotions, our hearts are filled with joy, but words come with difficulty to express our appreciation for your generous gift.

We feel that the lodge has done so much for us now and all through the many years of Raymond's illness, we can never thank you enough.

Masonry has been a great part of Raymond's life and he enjoyed it to the fullest when he was able to attend the meetings. I am sure both our lives have been enriched by Raymond being a Mason.

I can say with all sincerity his brother Masons have stood by him, not only with money, but with prayers, concern and thoughtfulness and we are grateful.

I would like to thank each one peronally but it is impossible. So if you would be so kind and pass this message on to your lodge we would thank you.

Sincerely,
Ruth and Raymond Dilday
Murfreesboro, N. C.

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506 Country Club Drive
Fayetteville, N. C.
March 16, 1974

Dear Mr. Pugh,

My husband, a 32° Mason, a Past Master of Phoenix Lodge and who also had his 50 years pin, died on Dec. 25 at 10:30 in the morning. He had been so active in the Masonic work, and after he went into the Veterans Hospital here in Fayetteville, I joined the Masonic Volunteers. The Masonic Service Association renders such a wonderful service to the men in the hospital, and of course to all of our Masons, who are patients. I believe Chaplain Allen C. Edens is also one of your very wonderful members.

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Most sincerely,

Lucille P. Williams (Mrs. W. L.)
Masonic Service Volunteers
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In Memoriam

Our memories are precious gifts.
To treasure through the years,
To comfort us when days are dark,
And eyes are dimmed with tears.
Without them we'd be desolate.
When loved ones slip away.
Possessing them our hearts re-live,
And so — when separation comes,
To bring us bitter loss,
Our memories are precious gifts,
To help bear the cross.

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